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**CANTWELL
UNZUETA
D'ARMATA**





ART BY PHIL NOTO

Mike Pasciullo | 1972 - 2022

With heavy hearts, Marvel remembers our dear friend and colleague Mike Pasciullo, who passed away earlier this year.

Growing up, Mike found a passion for collectibles and trading cards. After diving into comics and becoming a Marvel expert, he went on to work for Fleer, where he became an important collaborator on art development and creative direction for Marvel's trading card sets, including now-classic sets like DC vs. Marvel, Amalgam, and many more.

Through his 25-plus years at Marvel, Mike went on to lead the company's marketing strategy across publishing, films, television, and more. His work included landmark campaigns for seminal Marvel comic book moments like *Secret Invasion*, *Marvel NOW!*, *Civil War*, and many others, and key contributions in establishing the vision behind Marvel Studios' early promotional strategy, engaging fans with unforgettable live events and promotions at conventions and beyond. After

marketing multiple MCU films, he brought that fan experience to Marvel Television's projects, including *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, *Marvel's Daredevil*, *Marvel's Luke Cage*, *Marvel's The Punisher*, *Marvel's Iron Fist*, *Marvel's Jessica Jones*, and *Marvel's The Defenders*, and Marvel's animation projects for Spider-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy, Avengers, and more.

Building on his knowledge of sports, Mike also helped weave together Marvel's fandom with sports fans through Marvel-themed game days, Marvel giveaways at sports events, and other Marvel activations across the country with Major League and Minor League sports teams that continue to this day.

Mike was beloved at Marvel, and he will be remembered for his kindness, creativity, optimism, and humor. His memory will always be with us, and he will live on forever within the Marvel family and beyond. ■

Iron Man and War Machine's old colleague Vic Martinelli came into possession of the Mandarin's rings of power. Vic was then murdered, and the heroes traced his death back to Source Control, an international black market for high-powered weaponry and technology. Iron Man and War Machine teamed up with Carl Walker, A.K.A. Force, to take down Source Control.

Tony used his vast wealth to buy up Source Control's weaponry, using Force as a proxy. However, after Force was captured, he turned against Iron Man and War Machine. Force attacked the heroes in Macau along with Spymaster, who was unmasked as Source Control's leader. Iron Man and War Machine were incapacitated during the battle, and Spymaster revealed that he'd already sold the Mandarin's rings to the villainous Cobalt Man, who appeared on the scene armed with the rings!

SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME



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A full-page comic book illustration of Tony Stark in the rain. He is wearing a dark trench coat over a suit and tie, crouching on a rooftop. He holds the Iron Man helmet with both hands. The rain is depicted as numerous vertical lines falling across the entire scene. In the background, there are power lines and a cityscape.

LET'S
BE *DONE*,
TONY.

B.O.S.S....

TONY.
I'M *WARNING*
YOU.

WE LIVE IN
A WORLD OF
COWARDS.

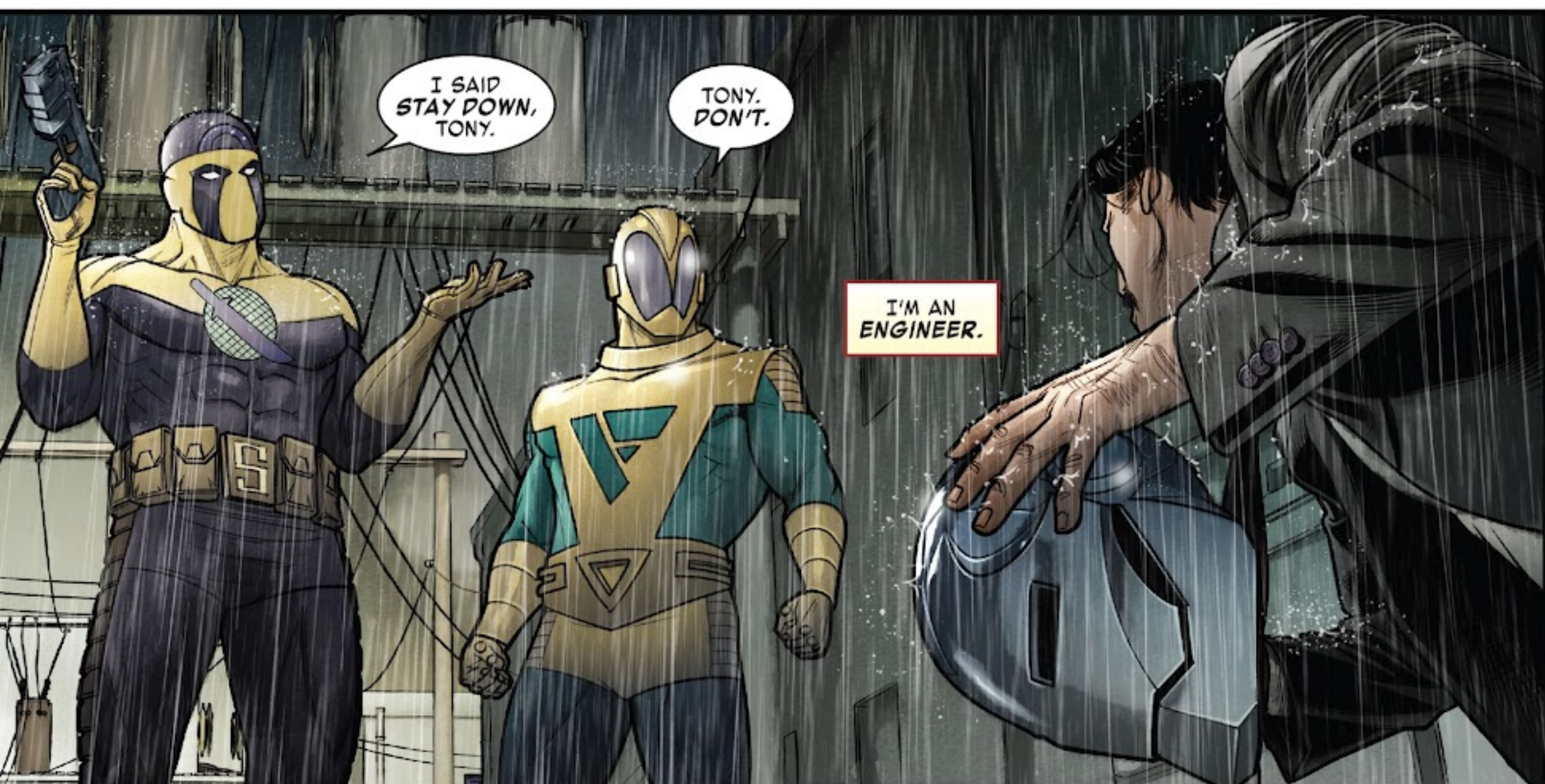
WE LIVE IN A
WORLD FULL OF
SMALL MINDS
WHO ARE
AFRAID.

WE ARE RULED
BY THOSE WHO
REFUSE TO RISK
ANYTHING OF
THEIR OWN.

WHO GUARD THEIR OVER-
BLOATED *PAUCITIES* OF
POWER WITH *MONEY*. WITH
FALSE REASONING. WITH
MEASURED HESITANCE.
WITH *PRIDEFUL*,
RECALCITRANT INACTION.
WITH *HATEFUL INVECTIVE*.

WITH
WEAPONS.

##\$%& THESE
SELFISH FOOLS AND
THEIR *PREVAILING*
WORLD ORDER.



I SAID
STAY DOWN,
TONY.

TONY.
DON'T.

I'M AN
ENGINEER.



TONY...

A
BUILDER.



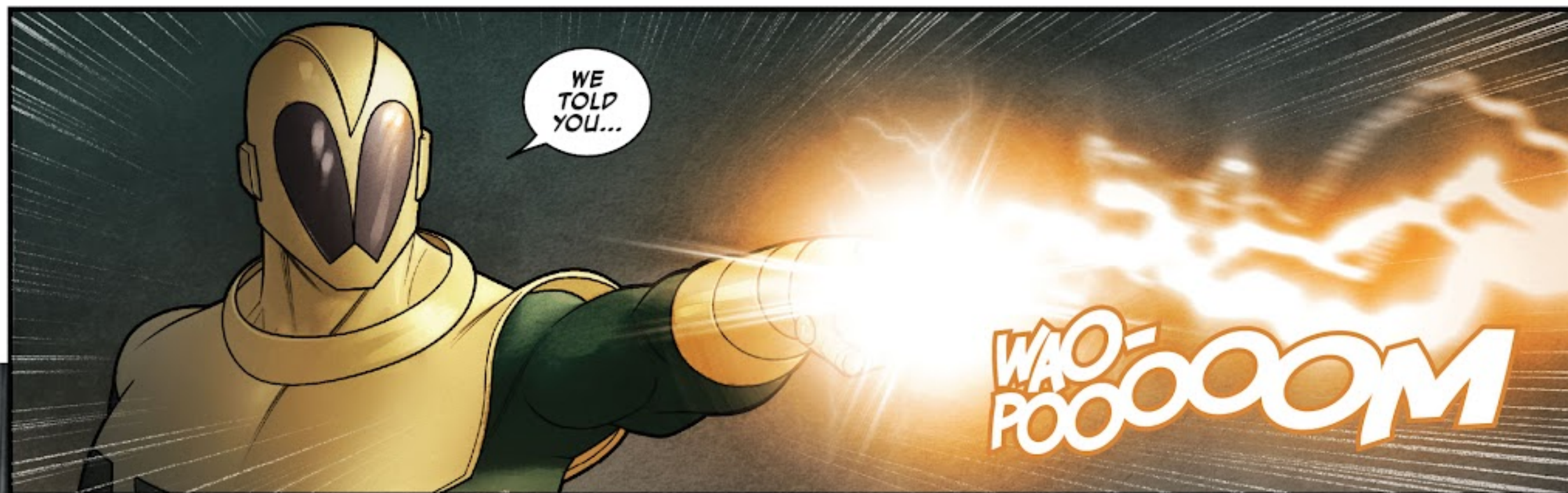
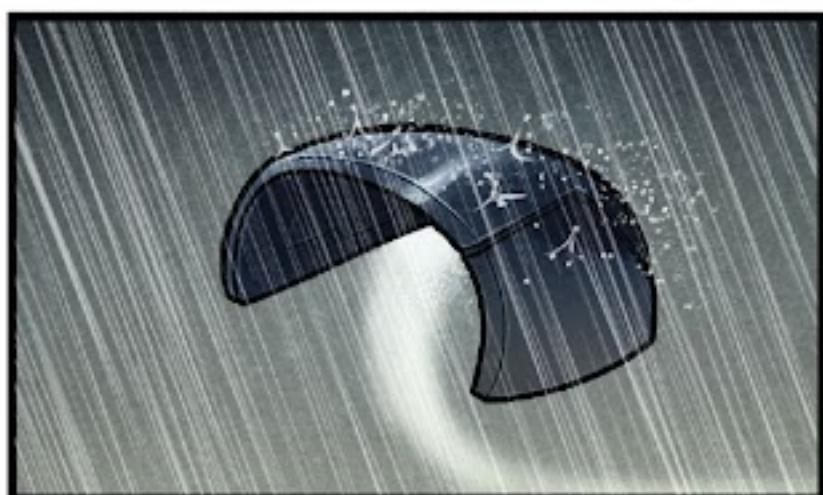
HOW 'BOUT
YOU, COBALT
MAN? YOU WITH
SPYMASTER AND
FORCE HERE?
READY FOR A
VICTORY LAP WITH
YOUR BRAND-
NEW TOY?

AND AFTER BEING
INUNDATED WITH
SYSTEMS OF CRAVEN
BULLIES LIKE THESE...
I WANT TO BUILD
SOMETHING NEW.
SOMETHING OPEN.



I HEARD
THESE TWO HAD
YOU CORNERED.
I HAD TO SEE IT
FOR MYSELF.

BUT FIRST,
I'M GOING TO
DISMANTLE WHAT
CURRENTLY
EXISTS.



I'M NOT **BRUCE**.
I'M NOT **STEVE**.
I'M NOT **THOR**.

I'M JUST A GUY
FROM THE **UPPER
EAST SIDE** WHO'S
PRETTY GOOD AT
RACQUETBALL.

BUT A RUPTURED
SPLEEN ISN'T A
BROKEN NECK.

OR
HEART.

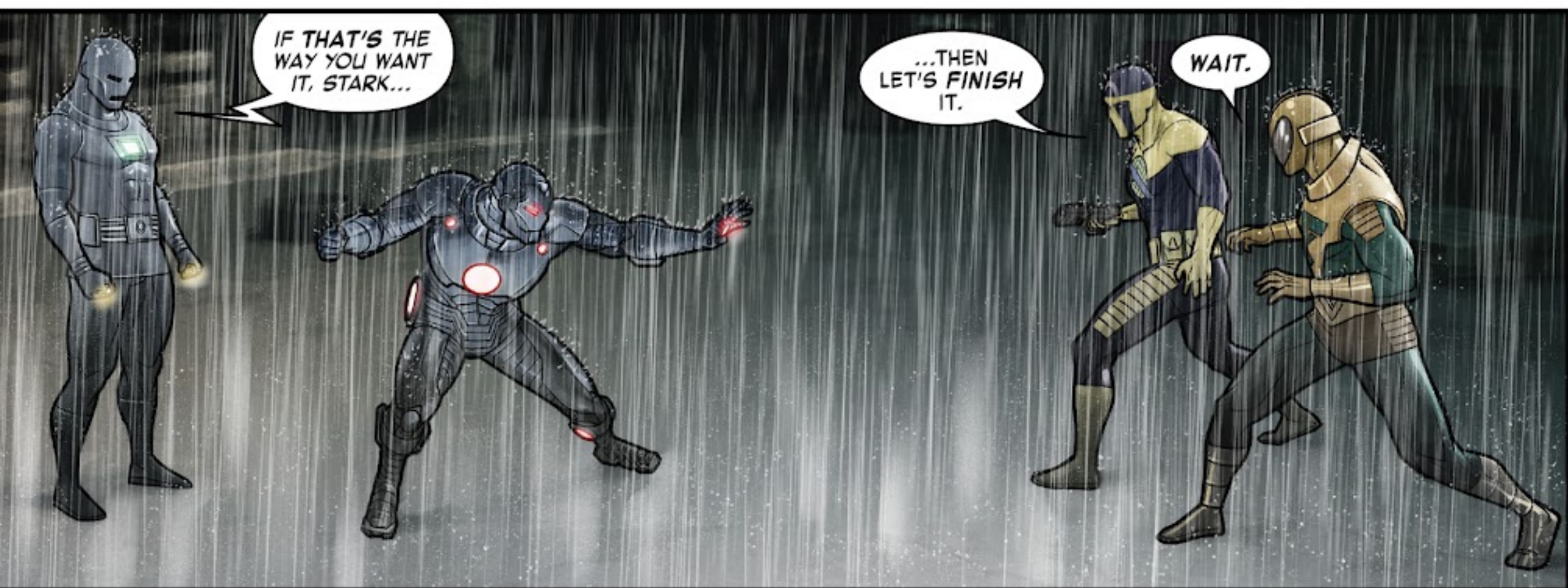
OR A **#&%&**
RELAPSE.

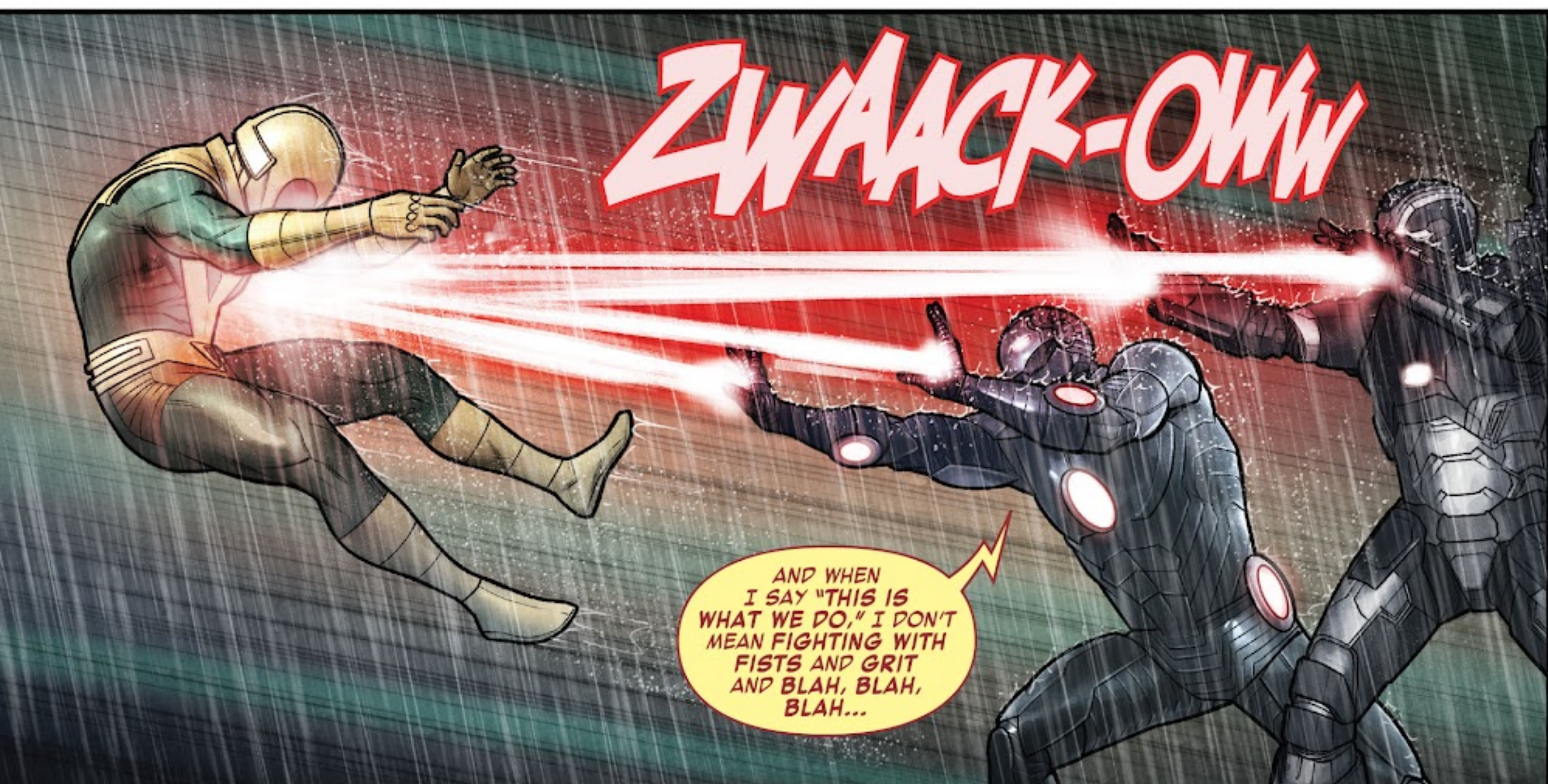
IT'S NOT EVEN
A **BAD NIGHT'S
SLEEP** AT THIS
POINT.

IT'S JUST
PART OF THE
#&%& JOB.

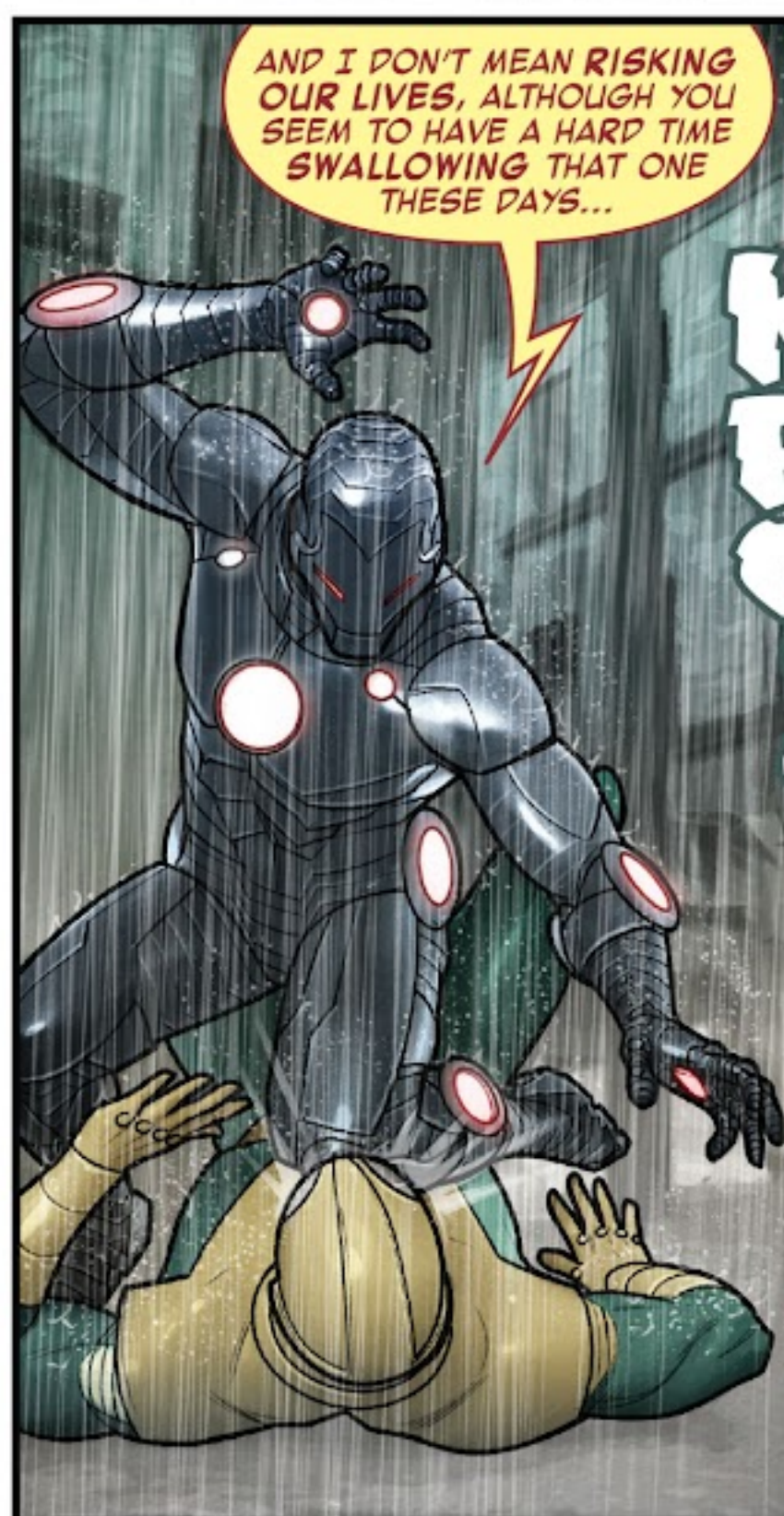
GEE,
FELLAS...
I FEEL LIKE
YOU DON'T KNOW
ME VERY
WELL.







AND WHEN I SAY "THIS IS WHAT WE DO," I DON'T MEAN FIGHTING WITH FISTS AND GRIT AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...



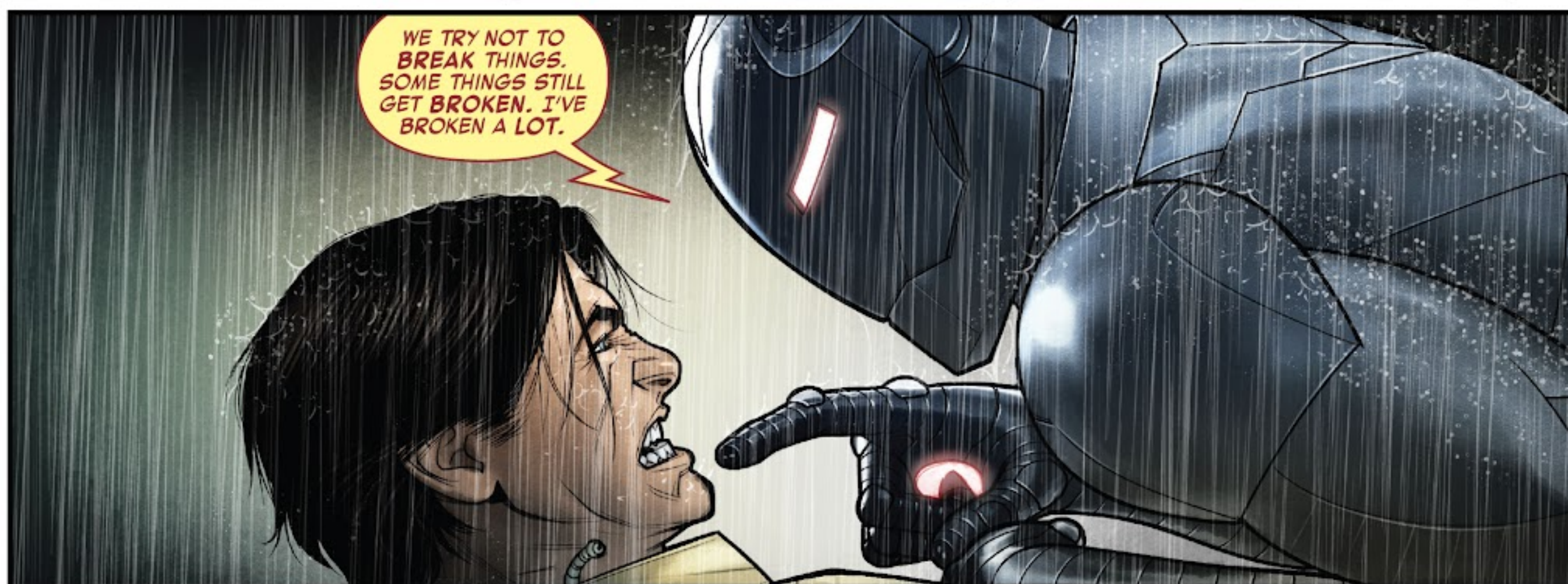
AND I DON'T MEAN RISKING OUR LIVES, ALTHOUGH YOU SEEM TO HAVE A HARD TIME SWALLOWING THAT ONE THESE DAYS...



LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU.



I MEAN THAT WE STRAIN OURSELVES AND OUR BONDS IN ORDER TO DO THE HARD THING-- MEANING, THE RIGHT THING. THE MOST RIGHT THING WE CAN.



WE TRY NOT TO BREAK THINGS. SOME THINGS STILL GET BROKEN. I'VE BROKEN A LOT.

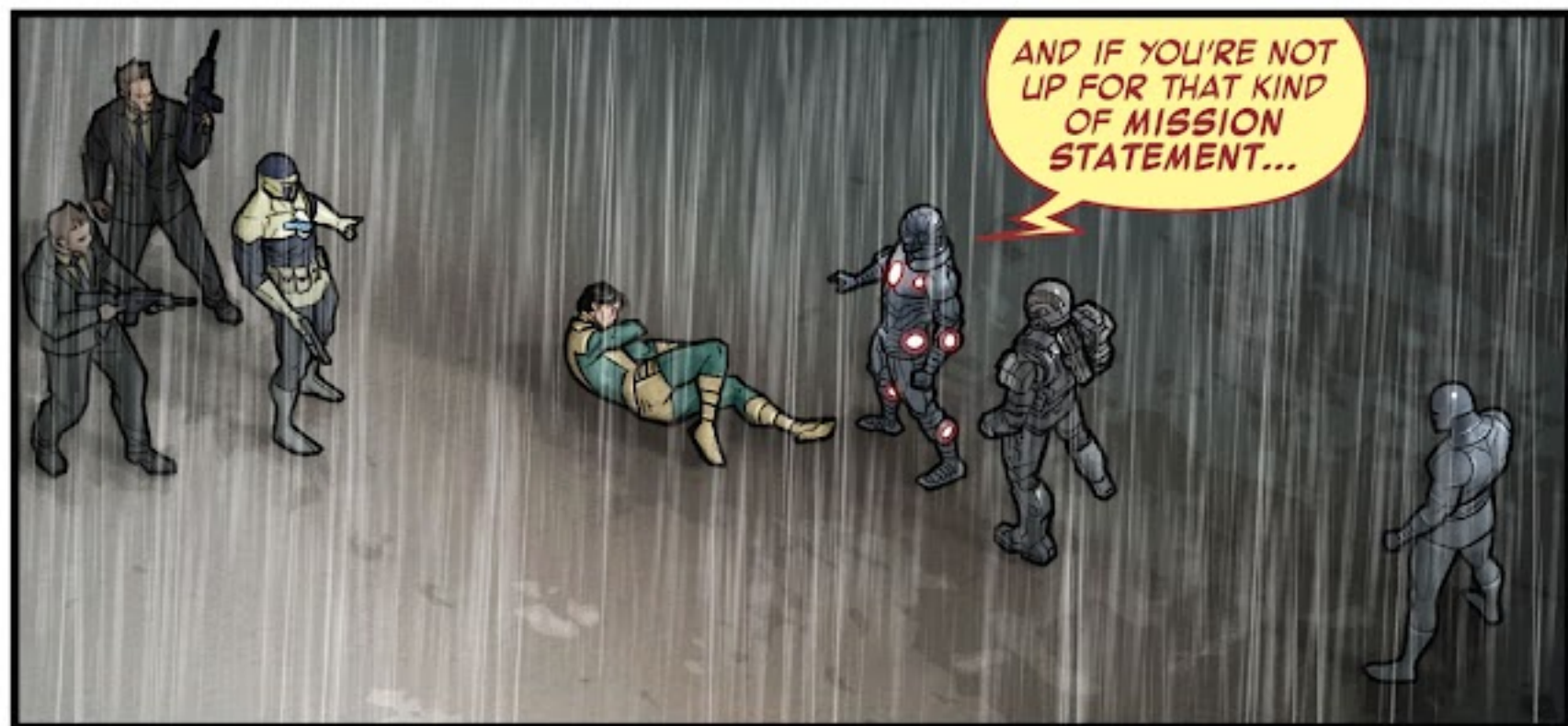


THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO THEN IS TRY TO REPAIR, BUT THAT COMES AFTER WE'VE DONE THAT MOST RIGHT THING.

THAT'S WHAT WE DO. THAT'S WHAT I DO.



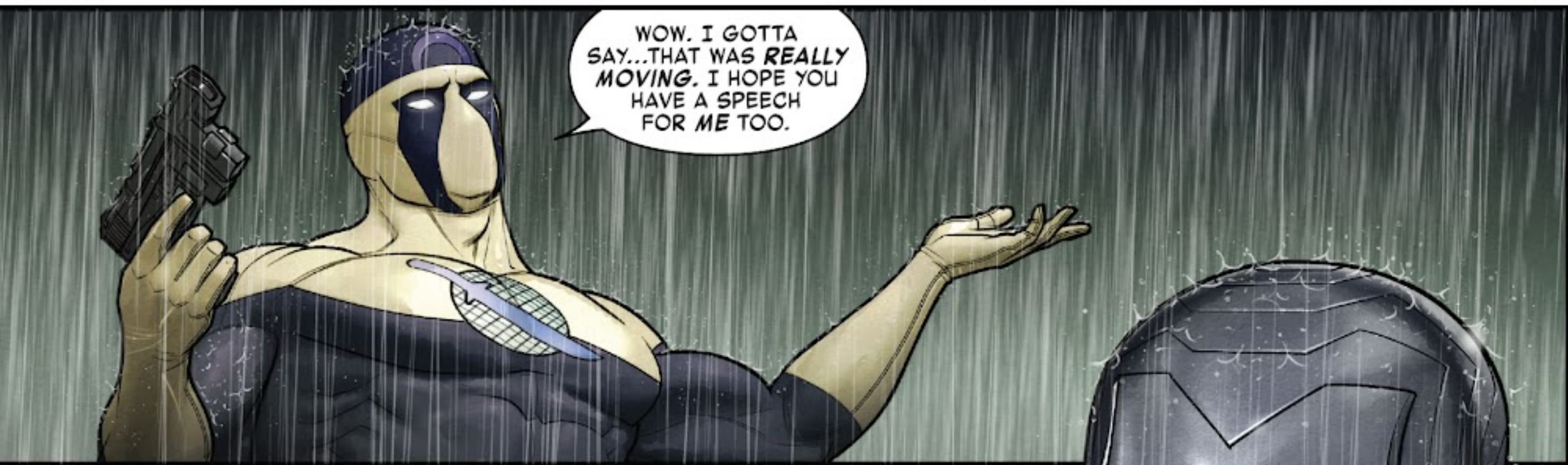
I'M NOT GOING TO SAY I'M SORRY FOR THAT ANYMORE.



AND IF YOU'RE NOT UP FOR THAT KIND OF MISSION STATEMENT...



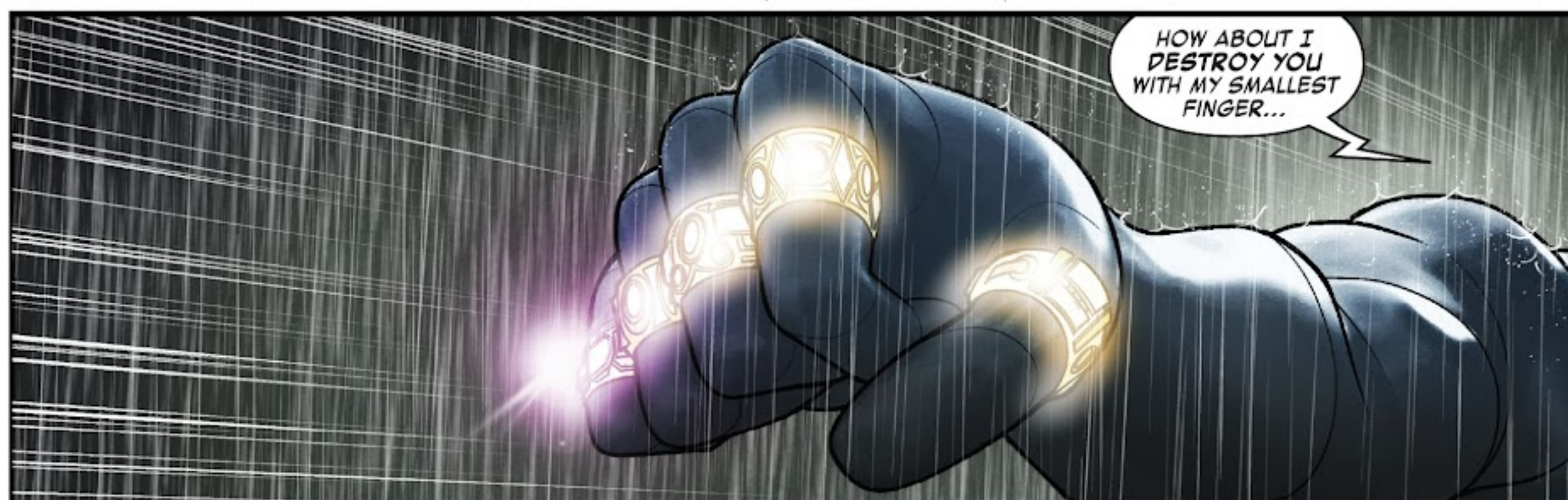
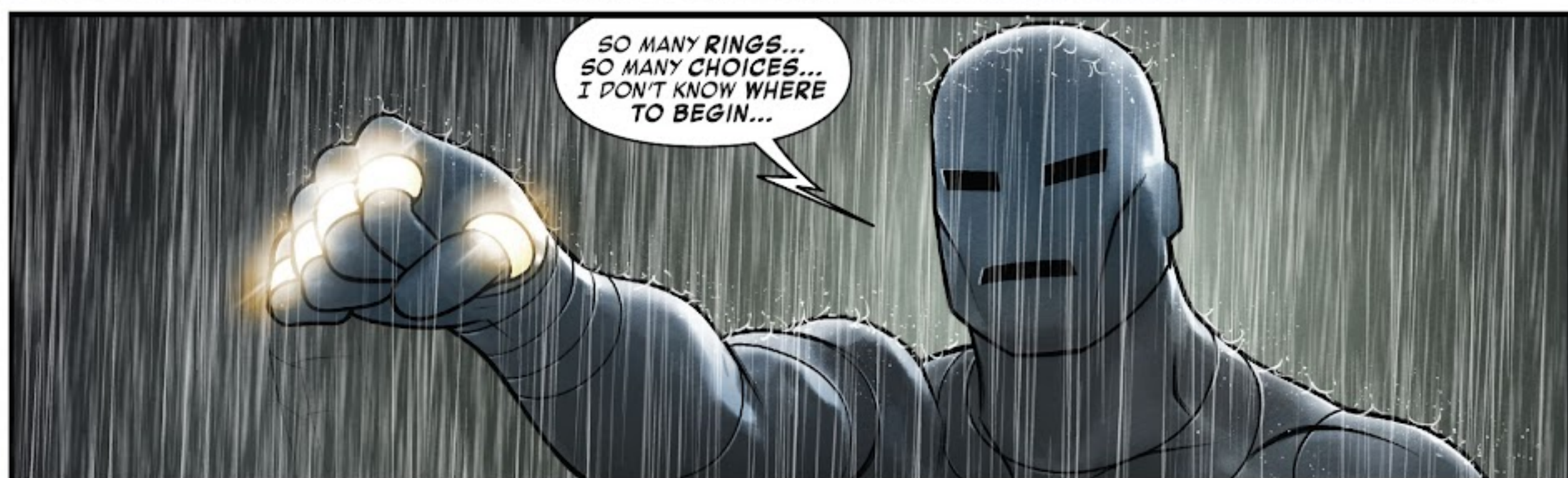
...THEN WELCOME BACK TO BEING A PIECE OF #&%&."CLAYTON."

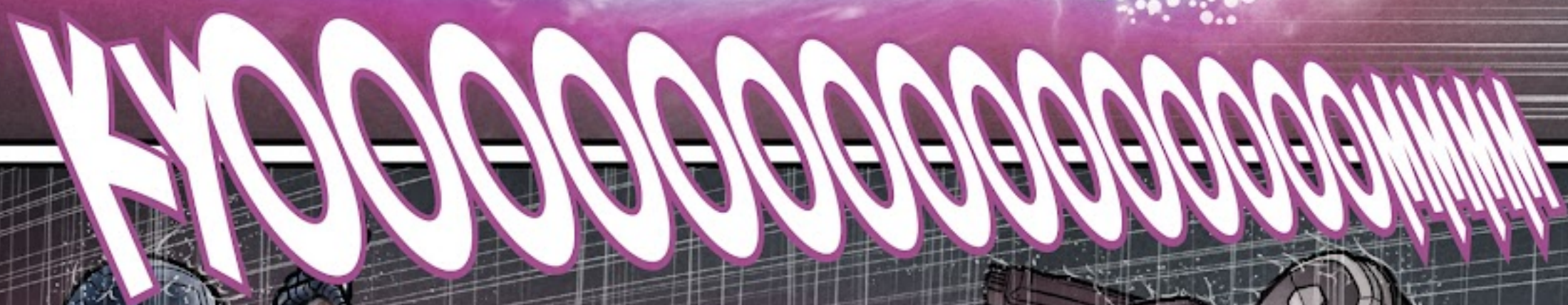


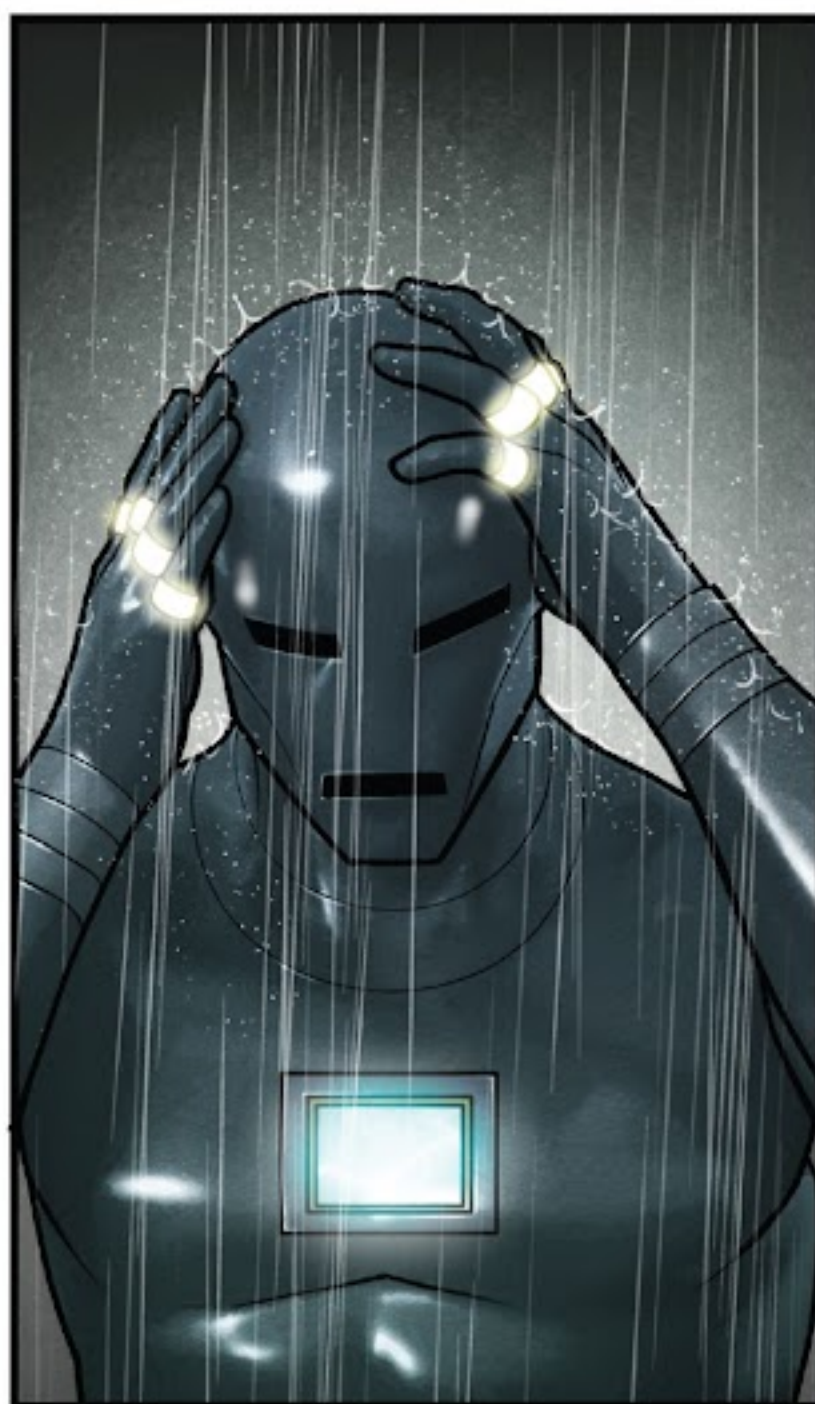
WOW. I GOTTA SAY...THAT WAS REALLY MOVING. I HOPE YOU HAVE A SPEECH FOR ME TOO.

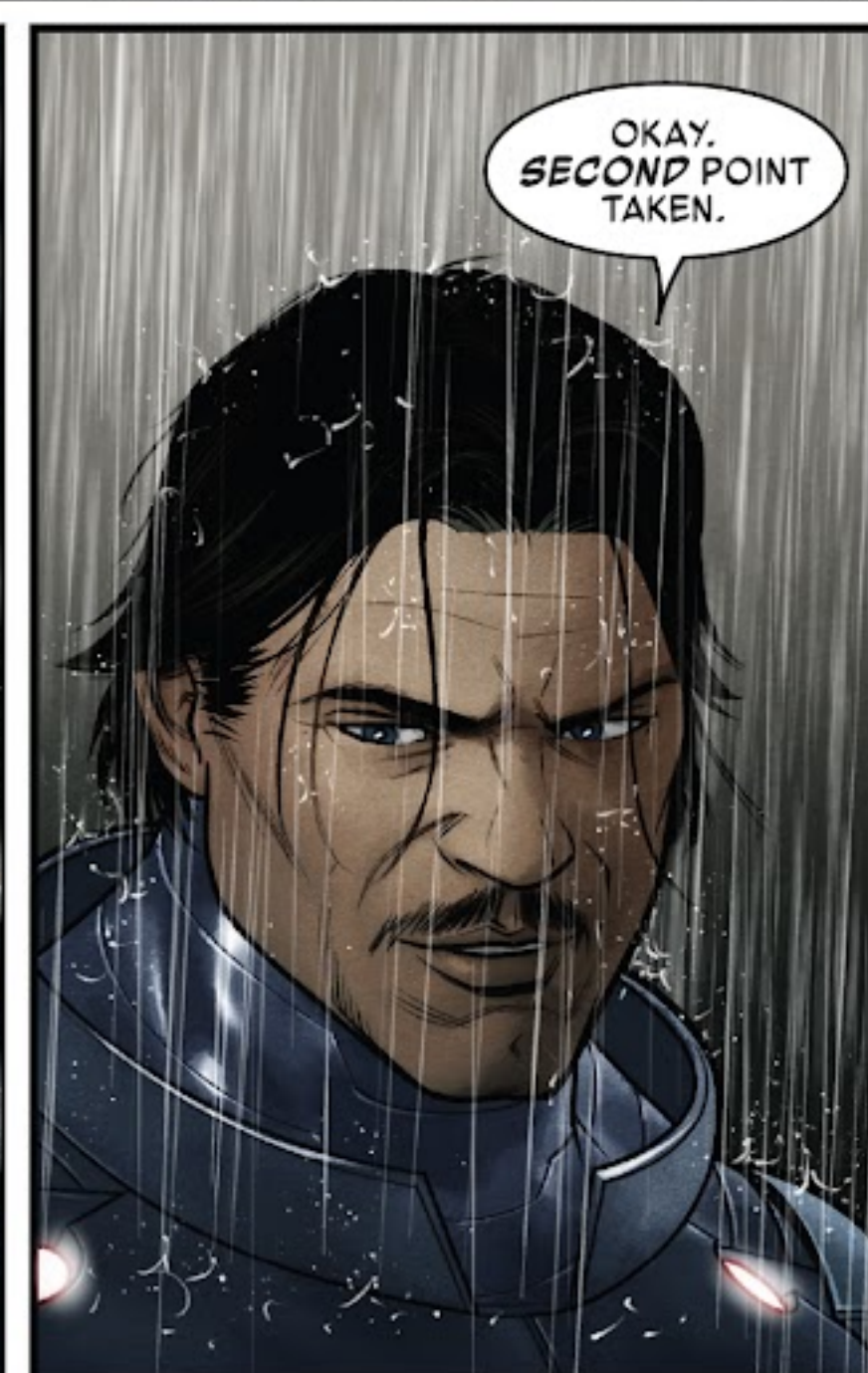
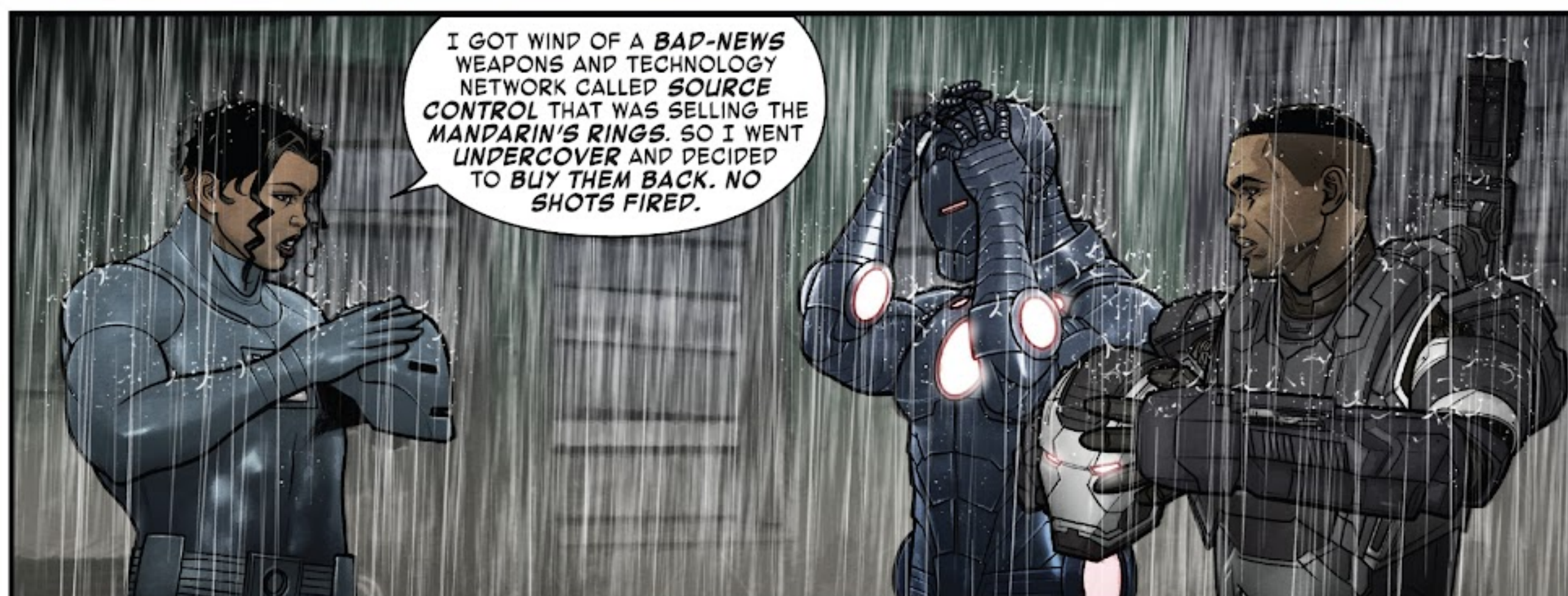


NO. SEE... YOU'RE NOT WORTH THE EFFORT.









IT WENT *PERFECTLY*... UNTIL I HEARD YOU WERE VYING FOR THE RINGS TOO... WHICH MEANT YOU *WEREN'T* IN A *COMA*...

THANKS FOR *STICKING AROUND*... ALTHOUGH, IF YOU HADN'T BEEN HERE, MAYBE *MY BUY* WOULD'VE GONE OFF WITHOUT A *HITCH* *INSTEAD*...

MAYBE.

SERIOUSLY, WHERE DID YOU SEND *SPYMASTER* AND HIS BOYS?

I'VE NEVER SEEN THE *BLACK LIGHT RING* USED LIKE THAT...

BASED ON THE CALCULATIONS-- AND CONFIRMED BY *COMPUTER SIMULATIONS* I RAN--THE *BLACK LIGHT RING* CAN, AT THE *CORRECT AMPLITUDE*, CREATE AN *EINSTEIN-ROSEN BRIDGE* DIRECTLY TO THE *DARKFORCE DIMENSION*.

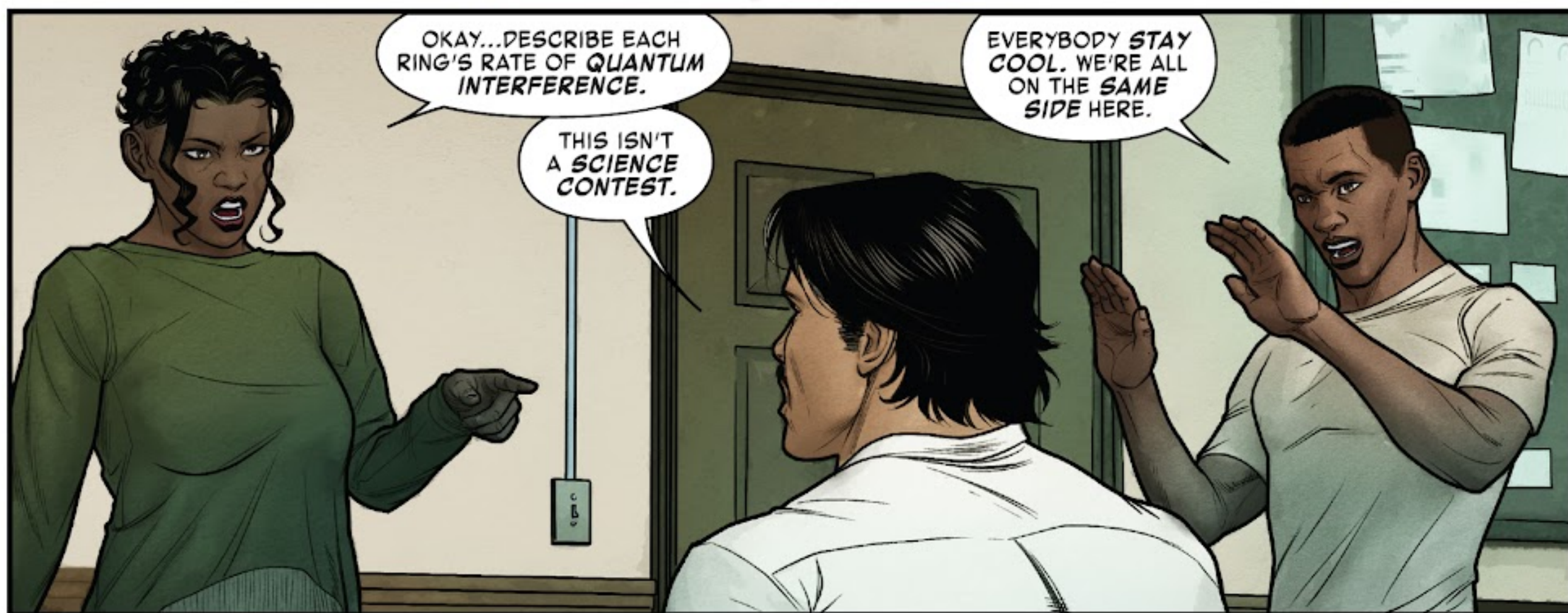
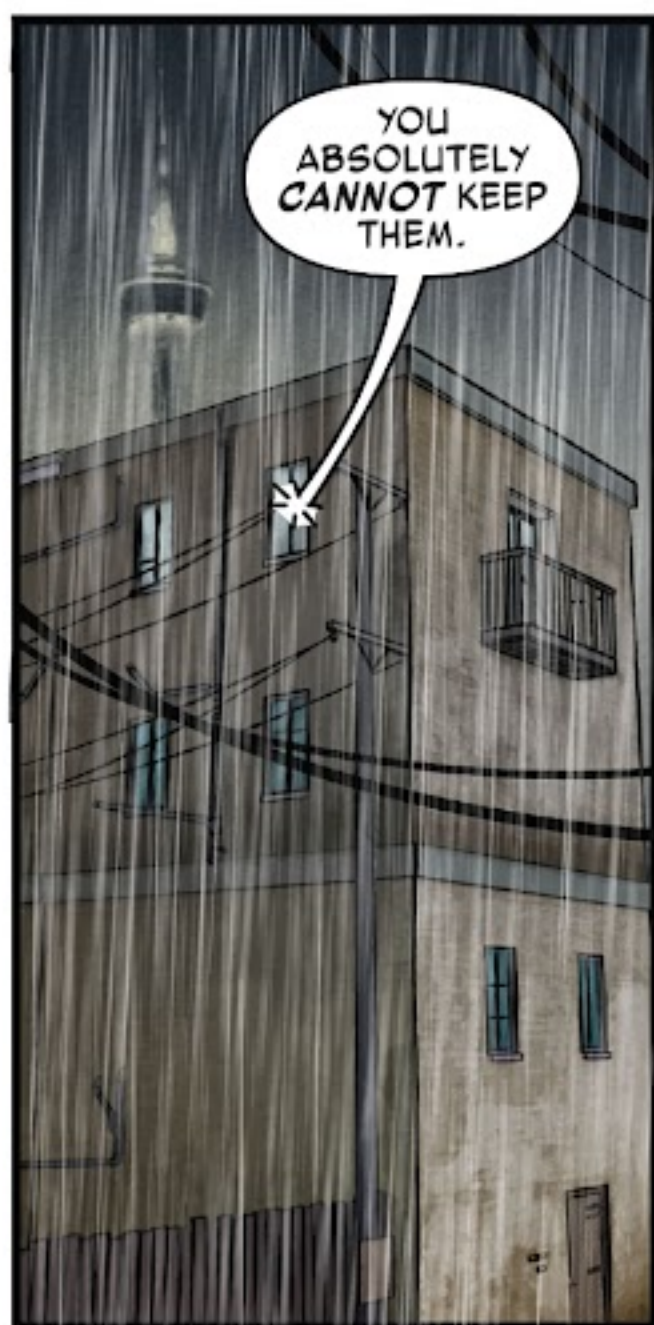
AN *ENTIRE DIMENSION*... THAT'S A LITTLE *NONSPECIFIC* IN TERMS OF WHERE THEY WENT.

WELL, IF I'D *DISINTEGRATED* THEM, I COULD GIVE YOU A MORE *CONCRETE ANSWER*, BUT IT FELT BEST NOT TO DO THAT.

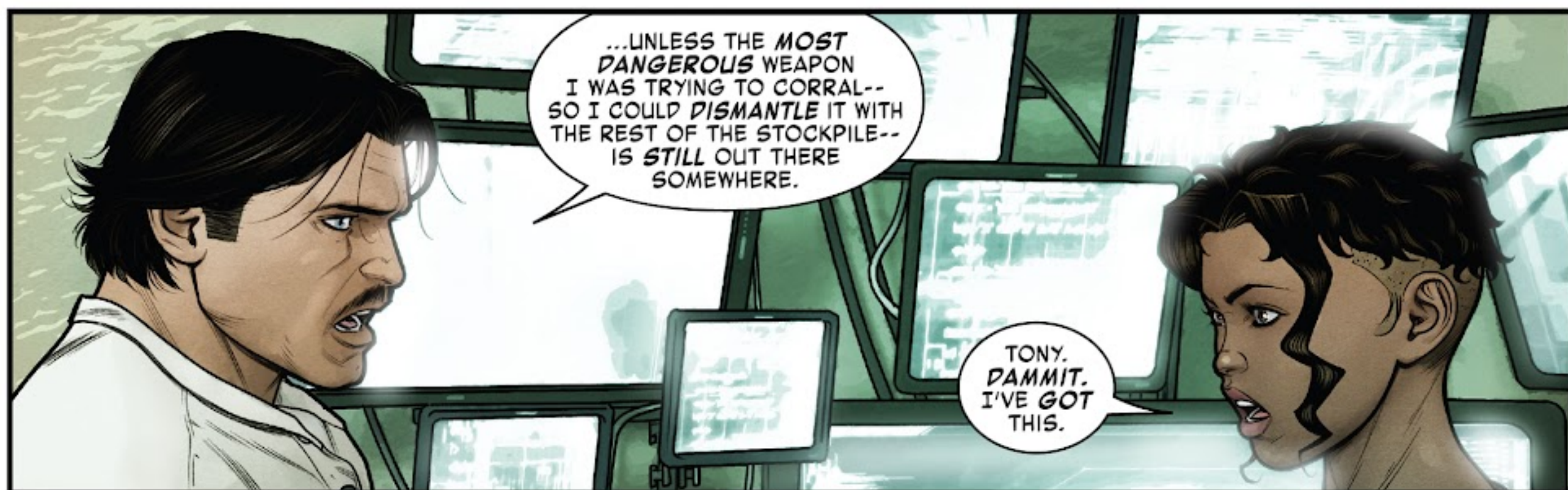
LET'S GET OUT OF THIS ALLEY. NOT ONLY IS RIRI WEARING ONE OF THE MOST *DANGEROUS* WEAPONS IN THE UNIVERSE...BUT SOMETHING SMELLS *TERRIBLE* OUT HERE.

THAT'S ACTUALLY *AEROSOL PARTICULATE RESIDUE* FROM THE *DARKFORCE PORTAL*.

REALLY? *GROSS*.









ALL
RIGHT,
LOOK.



HERE'S
THE
THING.



YOU'RE
NOT
TRUSTING
ME
EITHER.



YOU'RE **PREDISPOSED**--FOR
REASONS I BOTH **UNDERSTAND**
AND **RESPECT**--TO **DESTROY**
THE RINGS. I KNOW YOU'RE
BIASED **AGAINST** THE IDEA
THAT THEY COULD
HELP PEOPLE.

THEN
CONVINCE
ME.

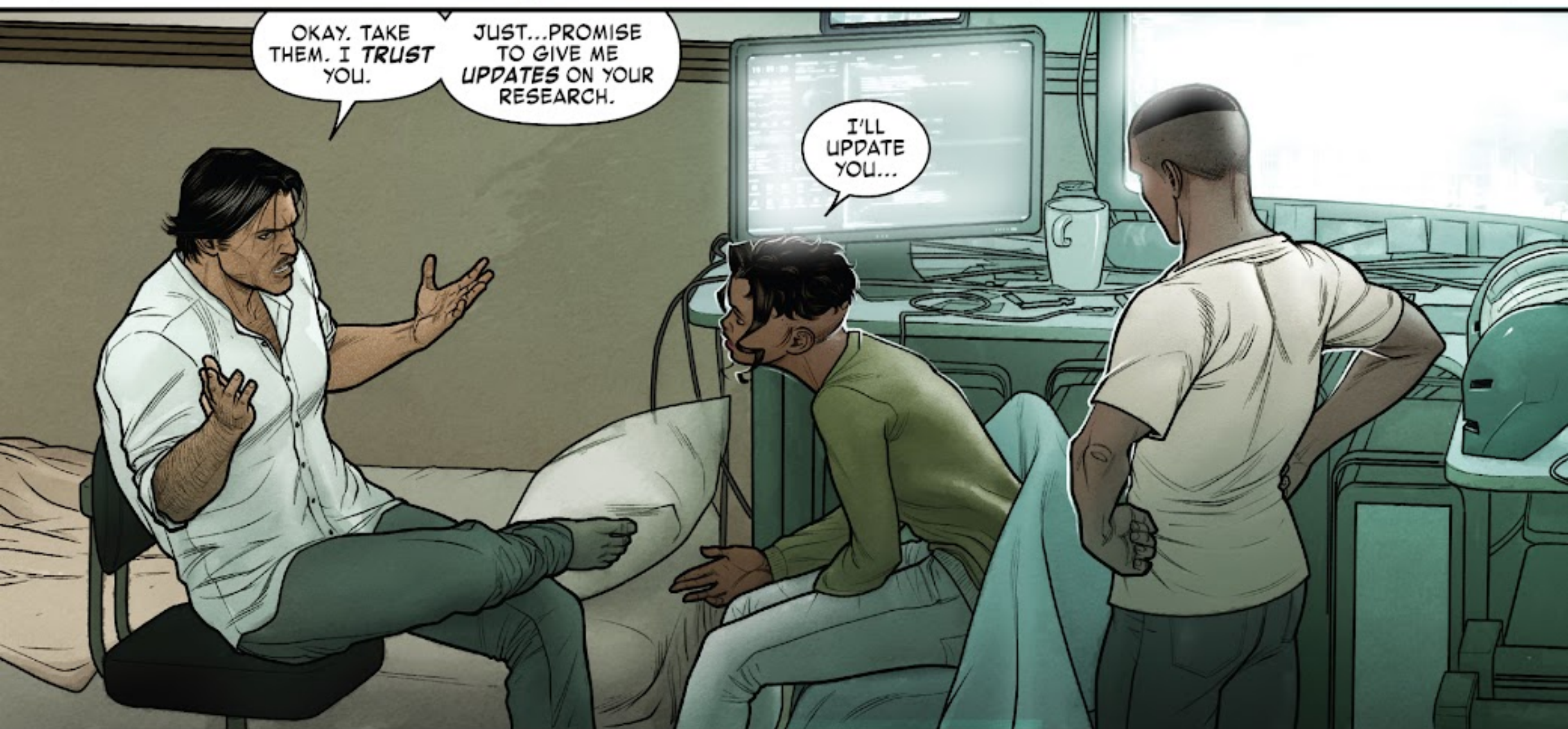


WHY DO
I NEED TO WASTE
MY TIME DOING
THAT?



BECAUSE THE
RINGS HAVE THE
POWER TO **DESTROY**
WORLDS. AND
DESTROY
YOU.







NEXT



AN OVERSIZED CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN AVENGER'S 650TH ISSUE!

IT'S IRON MAN DAY IN NEW YORK CITY, BUT NOT EVERYONE IS READY TO CELEBRATE THE ONGOING LEGACY OF TONY STARK--LEAST OF ALL, HIM. BUT A SUDDEN CRISIS WILL ONCE AGAIN TEST TONY'S HEROISM AND CHALLENGE HIS COMMITMENT TO THE ROLE HE HAS ASSUMED FOR HIMSELF. MUST THERE BE AN IRON MAN?

CHRISTOPHER CANTWELL CONCLUDES HIS THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND POWERFUL RUN AS WRITER, AS ILLUSTRATED BY ANGEL UNZUETA.

PLUS: MUREWA AYODELE AND DOTUN AKANDE TELL A TALE OF IRON MAN'S QUEST TO LOCATE THOR AMID THE FROZEN WASTELANDS OF NIFFLEHEIM. AND KURT BUSIEK AND BEN DEWEY PAIR TO PROVIDE AN ALL-NEW VINTAGE IRON MAN ADVENTURE FROM THE DISTANT PAST FEATURING MADAME MASQUE AND THE RADIOACTIVE MAN! AND GET A SPECIAL GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT FOR THE ARMORED AVENGER!

